विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । विदेश सचिव और विदेश मंत्रालय के एक अन्य अधिकारी ने 23 से 25 जून तक बांग्लादेश की यात्रा की । इस यात्रा का उद्देश्य द्विपक्षीय हित के विभिन्न मसलों पर विचार-विमर्श करना था । यात्रा के साथ विचार, विर्मश किया । विदेश सचिव ने बंगलादेश के विदेश तथा मानव संसाधन और सिंचाई मंत्रियों एवं गृह सचिव से मुलाकात की । भारत की यह इच्छा दोहराई गई कि वह जल विवाद का स्थायी समाधान निकालने की दिशा में कार्य करने के लिए तैयार है । यह सहमति हुई है कि संयुक्त नदी आयोग का पुनः आयोजन किया जाएगा तथा जल-प्रवाहों की संयुक्त मानीटरिंग पुनः शुरू की जाएगी । सीमा क्षेत्रों में अवैध आप्रवासन और विद्रोह की समस्याओं से संबद्ध भारत की चिन्ताओं से बंगलादेश प्राधिकारियों को अवगत करा दिया गया था । इस बात पर सहमति हुई है कि दोनों पक्षों के गृह सचिवों के बची अगले दौर की बातचीत ताथाशीघ्र की जाएगी । विदेश सचिवों ने दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार से संबद्ध मसलों और भारत द्वारा अपेक्षित पारगमन सुविधाओं पर भी विचार-विर्मश किया ।

Production started from Padma and Mukta Oilfields by Enron Reliance Consortium

361. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the Business Standard dated 14th June, 1995 the enron-Reliance Consortium has started production from the Padma and Mukta oilfields without getting development plans cleared by the designated managing committee of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have ordered the Consortium to stop production forthwith;

(c) whether in view of its behaviour Government will rescind whatever commitments were entered into with the Consortium;

(d) whether any enquiry will be launched by Government to enquire whether there was any official lapse which encouraged the Consortium in the

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHRAMA): (a) No, Sir. Panna and Mukta fields in Western Offshore were already partially developed and being produced prior to signing of the contract in December, 1994 between the Government and the Consortium comprising ONGC, Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Enron Oil & Gas India Ltd. (EOGIL). The Operator (namely EOGIL) has accordingly taken over existing operations of the fields as per contract. The full development of the fields would be undertaken only after the development plans are cleared by the Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Price increase by soft drink companies

362. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI . CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCES SING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware c the recent price increase effected by the soft drink companies in their product which arc dominated by multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to ask ,the Bureau of Industrial Costs amount Pricing (BICP) of study the cost amount pricing of soft drinks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSIN INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of various soft drinks manu factured by franchisees/bottlers of M Pepsi Foods Ltd. and M/s. Coca Cola a